

Corona Work Life Survey Highlight, July 19, 2020**South Africa in lockdown for second time: 20 % reported job loss**

Since mid July South Africa is in lockdown for the second time. People again are forced to stay at home, including those who have no alternative but the street to make some money. At the start of this second lockdown the second largest economy of Africa is in a very bad shape, after 4 consecutive months of shrinkage. Tourism, a big earner of foreign exchange and job provider, virtually collapsed. By now people go hungry. Some figures from the corona living and working survey, online since March 23, mark the situation in which the new wave of restrictions deals blows to the subsistence base of many South Africans. Thus: from the beginning of the pandemic 1 in 2 respondents reported a decrease in their workload, against 1 in 5 who said it increased. This gap already points to an overall slowdown of economic activity and loss of earning power. Quite in line is the fact that 1 in 5 (till mid July) reported to have lost their job.

The economy of South Africa may be formalised, yet it has a huge informal sector. Figures suggest that people who depend on odd jobs and irregular work are hit the most. Though 43% of respondents reported working from home, it may be assumed that these are mainly employees with a steady job. Contrast these figures: under lockdown first wave, 29% said they stayed at home, but 71% said they didn't. This huge discrepancy, given also the risk entailed in neglecting lock down restrictions, points to the dire straits in which a large part of South Africa's working population finds itself at the start of the second lock down since the pandemic broke out. Locking them in once more will rob them of the only means of livelihood open to them: sell their labour on street corners or peddle their snacks and trinkets there.

This picture emerges from the Working and Living in Corona-times Survey, online since March 23, in which 25,000 respondents from 70 countries participated, till July 19.

Quote of the day, Data Base manager, female, 64, South Africa

The government has imposed draconian rules without concern for the economy or health of it's population. People are going to starve . The ban on cigarettes and alcohol is ridiculous and will take tax away from the government and create an illegal underworld riddled with crime. our police are violent

What will the new work/life 'normal' become?

The Work Life Survey in Corona Times shows the impact people from across the globe expect the corona crisis will have on their working life. Regularly special issues like countries, continents, occupations, happiness, fear, small hous or having a dog are highlighted on these pages.

Its global outreach allows WageIndicator to present findings for many countries. Daily updated national survey results may be consulted here:

<https://wageindicator.org/salary/living-and-working-in-times-of-the-coronavirus/work-life-in-corona-times-graphs>

It is the intention to continue the survey for a long time, well into the aftermath of the present crisis. What will the new work/life 'normal' become?

More about the project

<https://wageindicator.org/Wageindicatorfoundation/projects/living-and-working-in-coronavirus-times>

More about the team

<https://wageindicator.org/Wageindicatorfoundation/Partnersworldwide/internationalteam>

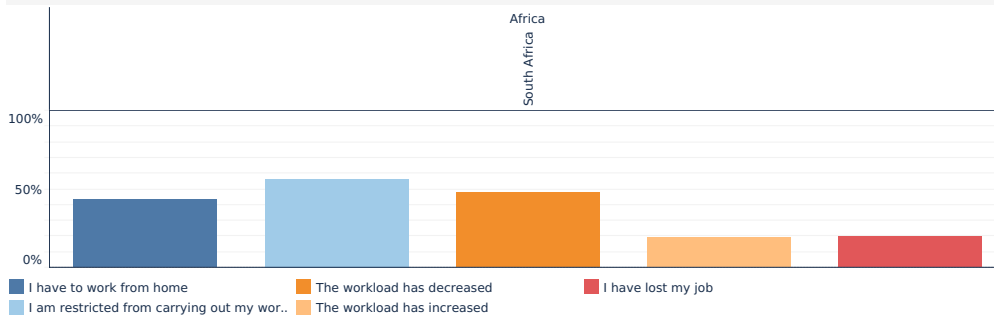
The Coronavirus Effect on Work, Life and Feelings

Select a continent: All | Select a region (group of countries): Southern Africa | Select a country: South Africa | Select a gender: All | Age group: All | Select an occupation: All | Select an employment status: All

23 March 2020 to 13 July ..

WORK

How is your work affected by the Coronavirus?
(More than one answer per respondent)



Which are the riskiest jobs?

"There is no problem working from home in the education sector."
(Eğitim sektöründe evden çalışmada bir sorun yaşanmamakta)

(University lecturer in economics, business and management sciences, male, 36, Turkey)

Has your employer implemented protective measures at your workplace in view of the Coronavirus?



LIFE

57% doesn't stay at home

43% stays at home because of Coronavirus measures

Those who stay at home, live ...

with 1.9 other people on average

62.5% with at least one dog

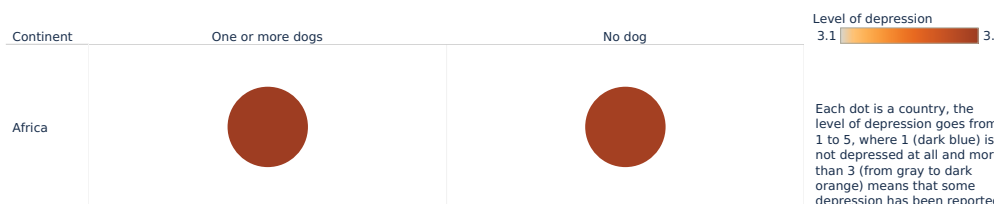
in a house with 4.0 rooms on average (bathrooms excluded)

52.2% say they get enough daily exercise

The percentages above show average data for all the countries. Once a continent/region/country is selected, then data from that continent/region/c...

FEELINGS

How is our mood in Coronavirus times affected by having or not having a dog at home?



Fill out the Survey on Living and Working in Coronavirus Times

Number of respondents per employment status

	Grand Total	Employee	Casual worker	Paid family worker	Self-employed without employees, freelancer	Self-employed with employees	Other
Africa							
Algeria	538	92	12	5	16	5	408
Angola	54	19	1		2	2	30
Benin	92	18	4	1	6		63
Burkina Faso	26	10		1		2	13
Cameroon	62	17			1	1	43
Central African Republic	55	7					48
Egypt	504	74	3	1	11	12	424
Ethiopia	72	32	3		6		26
Ghana	37	14		1	1	1	20
Guinea	15	5					10
Kenya	37	8			1	1	27
Madagascar	34	11		1			22
Mali	9	1					8
Morocco	539	48	26	7	24	5	429
Mozambique	161	53	8	1	6	8	85
Niger	38	9	2		1	1	25
Nigeria	17	3			2	3	11
Senegal	143	33	7	1	4	3	99
South Africa	429	108	5	4	33	22	297
Togo	51	16	3	1			29
Tunisia	503	60	12	1	16	6	408
Uganda	27	6		1			18
Zambia	36	10	1		1	2	22
Zimbabwe	32	10			4		18
Asia							
Azerbaijan	27	10		1			16
Cambodia	406	17	16	1	23	18	228
China	57	12					43
India	256	70		1	8	6	171
Indonesia	523	144	24	7	18	6	324
Iraq	247	108	17	6	20	7	309
Japan	545	184	13	3	13	16	469
Jordan	45	24					21
Kazakhstan	722	164	11	3	30	11	503
Lebanon	554	87	4	4	6	5	448
Malaysia	24	11	2				10
Myanmar	546	79	4	3	15	7	441
Pakistan	63	30	2		5	2	45
Philippines	24	8			2		16
Qatar	83	19			2		62
Russia	597	177	6		25	2	387
Saudi Arabia	193	40	3	2	3		145
Sri Lanka	23	9					14
Turkey	553	135	1	9	23	20	367
United Arab Emirates	104	35			13	9	49
Viet Nam	821	277	71		13	9	451
Europe							
Austria	245	94	1		7	12	130
Belarus	542	233	1		15	5	287
Belgium	574	273		1	16	10	272
Bosnia and Herzegovina	241	47			4	4	79
Czechia	137	124	1		1	1	109
France	156	51	17		14		83
Germany	586	283	2	3	24	12	262
Hungary	85	52	1		6		25
Ireland	279	104	1	1	6	4	161
Italy	557	25	11	6	43	8	262
Malta	99	23					69
Netherlands	1,028	513	18	12	44	13	446
Portugal	134	47	3		5	4	74
Slovakia	329	158	9	2	25	9	126
Spain	1,172	564	26	5	13	6	558
Switzerland	337	128	6	7	14	14	173
UK	526	100	5	1	21	4	193
Ukraine	26	9			18		413
North America							
Canada	64	7	4		2		15
Costa Rica	941	51	4	1	21	17	50
El Salvador	533	29	28	15	19		809
Guatemala	536	34	17	12	7		469
Honduras	662	72	22	11	7		469
Mexico	505	28	19	8	19	19	410
Nicaragua	151	48			7	1	95
USA	69	19	9		4	4	36
Oceania							
Australia	270	100	2	1	21	4	142
New Zealand	897	94	14	15	52	21	701
South America							
Argentina	37	6			5	5	17
Bolivia	200	5	3				171
Brazil	21	6	1				14
Colombia	597	24	21	7	14	6	525
Ecuador	24	8	3		1	1	12
Jamaica	13	3	1		1		8
Paraguay	73	15	2	2	3	2	51
Peru	16	2		1		2	62
Venezuela		1		1		1	13

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